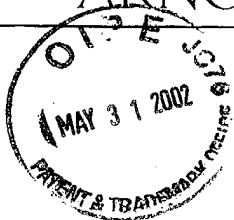


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Inventors: Scott E. ANDERSEN *et al.*
Our Ref: 16517.001/38-21(51464)B

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1. Response to Restriction Requirement; and
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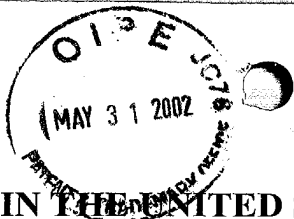
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In response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2002 (Paper Number 7), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

REMARKS

The application presently contains claims 1-10. In the Office Action dated May 15, 2002, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Claims 1-2, drawn to a purified nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-8135, classified in class 536, subclass 22.1.

Group II: Claim 3, drawn to a purified wheat protein encoded by a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-8135, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

Group III: Claims 4-10, drawn to a transformed plant, classified in class 800, subclass 278.